

**RULES
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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE**

**CHAPTER 1720-4-5
TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS**

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1720-4-5-.01 GENERAL.

- (1) These regulations are established by the Traffic and Parking Authority of The University of Tennessee as directed by resolution of The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees on June 20, 1968. They are applicable to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors on the Knoxville campus of The University of Tennessee. Students are required to obey these regulations as a condition of attendance at the University, and faculty and staff (hereinafter referred to as staff) members are required to obey them as a condition of employment.
- (2) The purpose of these regulations is to facilitate the safe and orderly conduct of University business and provide parking facilities in support of this function within the limits of available space.
- (3) The UT Police Department is responsible for implementation and enforcement of these regulations. Records are maintained by the Parking Services Department, 974-6031.
- (4) The University shall have no responsibility for loss or damage to any vehicle or its contents operated or parked on the Knoxville campus of The University of Tennessee.
- (5) Regulations are enforceable seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day, including holidays and breaks.

Authority: T.C.A §49-9-209(e). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 15, 1976; effective October 15, 1976. Amendment filed July 29, 1983; effective October 14, 1983. Repealed by Public Chapter 575; effective July 1, 1986. New rule May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. Amendment filed October 31, 1990; effective January 29, 1991. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995. Amendment filed November 17, 2000; effective March 30, 2001.

1720-4-5-.02 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

- (1) All motor vehicles operated by staff and students in connection with their employment or attendance at The University of Tennessee must be registered with the Parking Services Department. Registration alone does not confer any parking privileges at any time on campus. Registration improves the security of campus, identifies the operator as affiliated with the University and provides for more expedient notification in the event of any emergency. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR REGISTRATION.
- (2) Transferable registration hanging tags will be issued to staff and students registering their vehicles. To be valid, these tags must be clearly visible and hanging from the rear view mirror of the registrant's vehicle.

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- (3) Registration tags are not parking permits and do not confer any parking privileges at any time on campus.
- (4) Parking at University Apartments requires a special registration tag that is to be obtained from the Resident Manager's Office of the Apartment Complex of Residency. This tag will authorize parking at a particular housing unit only. Parking in University lots on the Agriculture and Main Campuses will require the appropriate staff or student parking permit, which may be obtained at the Parking Services Department, University Center, Room 24, or 2121 Stephenson Drive.
- (5) Vehicle registration must be renewed at the beginning of each Fall Semester and is valid until the beginning of the following Fall Semester so long as the registrant remains a student or a University employee.
- (6) Staff vehicle registrations must be accomplished within 72-hours of joining the University Staff and within 72-hours of acquiring a vehicle. A temporary permit is required during this initial 72-hour period. Staff vehicle registration must be renewed each year at the beginning of the parking year (August 1 through July 31).
- (7) Student vehicle registration must be accomplished by the first day of class or within 72 hours of acquiring a vehicle. A temporary permit is required during this 72-hour period.
- (8) Lost or stolen registration tags (E tags, K tags) will be replaced without charge.
- (9) The person to whom a vehicle is registered is responsible for that vehicle and all violation citations issued thereto. If the person operating the vehicle is other than the registrant when a violation is committed, both he/she and the registrant may be cited.
- (10) Specific EXPIRATION DATES are indicated on each registration tag.
- (11) Ownership of vehicle registration is not transferable.

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1720-4-5-.03 STAFF SPACE ALLOCATION AND PARKING ASSIGNMENT.

- (1) Parking spaces will be allocated to the departments through the appropriate dean or director.
- (2) Deans or directors will make individual assignments not to exceed the number of spaces allocated.
 - (a) Priority of assignment is up to each department; however, professional rank, seniority, job requirements or physical limitations should be prime considerations.
 - (b) Assignments will be made by the Parking Services Department in accordance with instructions from deans or directors.
 - (c) Assignments and permits extend from time of issuance to the beginning of the following Fall Semester.
 - (d) Staff members will present to the Parking Services Department letters of authorization from deans or directors for area assignment.

(Rule 1720-4-5-.03, continued)

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1720-4-5-.04 VEHICLE OPERATION.

- (1) All persons operating a vehicle on University property or in the campus area, which includes city streets running through University property, must be properly licensed operators.
- (2) Pedestrians have the right of way at established pedestrian crossings, except where regulated by traffic control lights or police officers.
- (3) Under normal conditions the maximum speed limit on campus streets is 20 mph and 30 mph on the city streets or as posted. However, vehicles may not be operated at any speed which is excessive for the conditions which may exist as a result of weather, traffic congestion, pedestrians, etc.
- (4) Traffic control signs, devices and directions of police officers will be obeyed.
- (5) All persons operating vehicles are responsible for maintaining control of the vehicle, safe operation of the vehicle, and observance of traffic control signs, barriers, and devices.
- (6) Operating a motor vehicle in any area other than a street or roadway intended for motor vehicles is prohibited.
- (7) All accidents must be reported to the University Police immediately (974-3111).
- (8) Bicycles operated on campus or city streets will be controlled under the same regulations and conditions that apply to motor vehicles.

Authority: Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, chapter 64. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. Amendment filed October 31, 1990; effective January 29, 1991. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995. Amendment filed January 13, 1999; effective May 31, 1999.

1720-4-5-.05 VIOLATIONS.

- (1) The following examples shall constitute violations of these regulations:
 - (a) Registration
 1. On University property with no visible permit or registration tag
 2. Altered or mutilated registration tag or parking permit
 3. Unauthorized possession of registration tag or parking permit
 4. Falsification of registration information
 - (b) Parking
 1. In a no parking zone
 2. In unauthorized area

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3. In loading zone (including loading dock)
4. Blocking Dempster Dumpster
5. In fire lane
6. Blocking or obstructing traffic, street, sidewalk driveway, fire hydrant, building entrance or exit or another vehicle.
7. Parked wrong way on one-way street
8. Parked overtime
9. In handicapped space or ramp
10. Parked outside lines or appropriately marked space
11. Unauthorized use of a Handicapped plate or placard.

(c) Moving

1. Exceeding posted speed limit
2. Excessive speed for existing conditions
3. Failure to obey traffic control signal or sign
4. Failure to obey a police officer
5. Operating a vehicle without a valid operator's license
6. Driving off of roadway or street
7. Reckless driving and/or racing
8. Failure to yield right-of-way at pedestrian crossing
9. Leaving scene of accident
10. Failure to signal turn or stop
11. Wrong way on one-way street
12. Following too closely
13. Operating mechanically unsafe vehicle
14. Driving while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics
15. Operating vehicle causing loud or unnecessary noise, such as loud mufflers, horns, P.A. systems, etc.

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1720-4-5-.06 ENFORCEMENT.

- (1) University violation citations must be answered in person or by mail at the Parking Services Department, University Center, Room 24, or 2121 Stephenson Drive, within fourteen (14) calendar days after issuance to avoid 50% penalty for late payment or forfeiture of right to appeal.
- (2) City citations must be answered as indicated on the citations.
- (3) Vehicles having a violation citation(s) which has not been satisfactorily disposed of by payment of assessed penalties/fees within the fourteen (14) calendar day period or by a successful appeal may be towed/booted whenever found parked on University property, provided the owner of such vehicle will first be notified in writing of
 - (a) The existence of delinquent violation citation(s);
 - (b) The owner's right to a hearing and where such hearing may be obtained; and
 - (c) The University's intent to tow/boot such vehicle when it is next found on University property, whether parked legally or illegally.
- (4) Vehicles parked in a fire lane, designated handicapped parking space, reserved parking space, or in such manner as to impede the flow of traffic or disrupt the orderly affairs of the University may be impounded/booted. Owners of vehicles impounded/booted for the above reasons have a right to a hearing that will be provided on request prior to the payment of penalties.
- (5) Hearing will be provided at the Parking Services Office located at University Center, Room 24.
- (6) Impounded vehicles may be claimed at University Center, Room 24, M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. After this time, vehicles may be claimed at UT Police Department, 1115 UT Drive. Impounded vehicles will be released only upon proper identification.

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1720-4-5-.07 PENALTIES.

- (1) Violation Fees - Staff, Students and Visitors
 - (a) Registration violation \$32.00 (except an altered or mutilated registration tag or parking permit violation, an unauthorized possession of registration tag or parking permit violation, and a falsification of registration information violation, the penalty for each of which is \$250.00).
 - (b) Parking violation \$24.00 (Except a fire lane violation, which is \$42.00, and a handicapped or ramp violation and an unauthorized use of a handicapped plate or placard violation. Handicap parking violations are established by State law and will increase as needed to remain in compliance with State law. Current rate as dictated by State law is \$150.00.

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- (c) Moving violation \$29.00
- (d) Impounded/booted vehicle \$42.00 (plus \$3.00 per day storage fee)
- (2) If a citation is not paid or appealed within fourteen (14) calendar days after issuance, a penalty of 50% of the fee will be assessed. In case a citation is appealed, all amounts due must be paid within fourteen (14) calendar days of notification that the original appeal was not sustained.
- (3) Disciplinary Action - Staff and Students.
 - (a) Any staff member or student who has failed to pay citations is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination or dismissal from the University.
 - (b) Students with outstanding traffic citations will not be permitted to register at the beginning of the semester until indebtedness is cleared.
 - (c) A staff member with outstanding traffic citations will not be allowed to register his vehicle or purchase a parking permit.

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1720-4-5-.08 APPEALS.

- (1) Student and Staff Appeals Boards are appointed by the Traffic and Parking Authority:
- (2) A written appeal, using the form supplied by the Parking Services Department, is the initial step in the appeals process. This must be done within fourteen (14) calendar days from the issuance of the citation or the right of appeal will be forfeited. Appeals must be made by the person cited or person to whom the vehicle is registered. Oral or written requests from other persons will not be accepted except to clarify that a person cited is not an active UT employee or student.
- (3) Failure to appear without prior notice at scheduled Staff or Student Appeals Board meetings will result in forfeiture of right to appeal to the Board.
- (4) A Staff Appeals Board meets as required at University Center, Room 24. A Student Appeals Board meets regularly during each semester at the same location. The Parking Services Department (974-6031) may be contacted for appeals information.
- (5) Information concerning higher appeals is available for those who wish to pursue the appeals process further.
- (6) A staff member or student who receives MORE THAN six (6) citations, paid or unpaid (but not including citations under appeal) in the same academic year may be required to forfeit his or her parking privilege for the remainder of that academic year. Such a violator will be scheduled to appear before an Appeals Board. The Board will make a recommendation to the UT-Traffic and Parking Authority about forfeiture of the parking privilege. A person who parks his or her car on campus after the parking permit has been forfeited may have the car impounded/booted until all citations are paid, including the impoundment/booting fee.

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1720-4-5-.09 RESTRICTIONS.

- (1) University streets or grounds may not be used by any firm, corporation or person for advertising or commercial purposes.
- (2) Excessive noise by musical instruments, loudspeakers, faulty mufflers, or muffler cutouts is prohibited on streets within the Campus Area.
- (3) Student and staff vehicles are to be removed from designated parking lots by 7:00 a.m. on days when football games are scheduled at Neyland Stadium. Vehicles remaining after 7:00 a.m. will be removed and impounded.

Authority: Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, chapter 64. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995. Amendment filed January 13, 1999; effective May 31, 1999.

1720-4-5-.10 SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND EMERGENCIES. On special occasions - for example: athletic events, concerts, graduation exercises, etc., and in emergencies - parking and traffic limitations may be imposed by UT Police or the Parking Services Department as required by the conditions which prevail.

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1720-4-5-.11 PEDESTRIAN REGULATIONS.

- (1) Students and staff members must not endanger their safety or constitute an unreasonable impediment to lawful vehicular traffic by crossing streets at other than authorized lanes or by willfully walking or congregating in the streets.
- (2) All persons will avoid walking across lawns or against traffic signs.

Authority: Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, chapter 64. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. Amendment filed October 31, 1990; effective January 29, 1991. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995.